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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PORT MANAGEMENT TECHNICAL SALES
SEMINAR BY SECTY GEN PORT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
OF WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN STATES (PMAWACAS)

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1. AS FOLLOW-UP MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN STATES HELD DOUALA 18-21 FEB (REFAIR), I WAS APPROACHED BY PAUL OLUMO, SECTY GEN. PORT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN STATES, TO ASCERTAIN IF USG WOULD SPONSOR ANOTHER PORT MANAGEMENT TECHNICAL SALES SEMINAR APP. WEEK DURATION SIMILAR ONE HELD DOUALA 10/30-11/3/1973, POSSIBLY JUST PRIOR PMAWACAS 1977 MEETING. ANNUAL MEETING MOST LIKELY BE HELD MAY 1977 DAKAR OR LIBREVILLE (EXACT VENUE AND DATES WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL AFTER MAY 76 LAGOS MEETING). SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION FACILITIES EXPECTED.

2. ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHED 1972 PURSUANT UNTAD RESOLUTION AND UNDER ECA AUSPICES. IT CONCERNED WITH CLOSER COORDINATION PORT MANAGEMENT RESOURCES IN ORDER ACHIEVE COOPERATION ALL ELEMENTS SHIPPING COMMUNITY INCREASE PORT EFFICIENCY. ALL PORT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES FROM MAURITANIA TO ZAIRE MEMBERS.

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3. CURRENT PMAWACAS PROJECTS INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL

DREDGING PLAN IN ORDER BETTER RATIONALIZE USE DREDGING EQUIPMENT, PLANS ORGANIZE SPECIAL TRAINING COURSES AND CONCERN ABOUT OVERCOMING PORT CONGESTION THROUGH BETTER PLANNING, INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY AND MORE RATIONAL SHIPPING SCHEDULES.

4. OLUMO ALSO OBSERVED THERE PORT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATIONS FOR NORTH AND EAST AFRICA. SECRETARY GENERAL NORTH AFRICA, SAMI AL HADJ IN ALGIERS, WHILE D.K. KINYANJUI OF NAIROBI SECTY GEN FOR EAST AFRICA. OLUMO COULD NOT SPEAK FOR OTHER ASSOCIATIONS, BUT HE THOUGHT THEY MIGHT BE INTERESTED SIMILAR SEMINARS.

5. OLUMO PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED PRESENTATION PAUL BENDER 1973 SEMINAR. HE HOPED BENDER COULD PARTICIPATE IF THERE ANOTHER ONE. WHILE MAKING NO PROMISES, I UNDERTOOK ASCERTAIN IF USDOC IN PRINCIPLE IN POSITION ADD ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL EVENT.

6. WHILE REALIZE COMMERCIAL PROGRAM SET THROUGH JUNE 1977 (REFTEL C), BELIEVE SEMINAR IN CONJUNCTION PMAWACAS AND PERHAPS OTHER PORT MANAGEMENT MEETINGS WOULD ENABLE SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS REACH LARGER THAN NORMAL AUDIENCE. ADVISE IF ADDITIONAL INFO REQUIRED.

7. ACTION REQUESTED. APPRECIATE IN PRINCIPLE RESPONSE TO REQUEST BEFORE END OF APRIL, SO OLUMO MAY BE INFORMED.

8. AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE CONCURS.
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